

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add Previously presented matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-26 have been rejected.

Claims 15-26 are kept unchanged.

Claims 15-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 15-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by, or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coran et al. (US Patent 4173556).

Coran teaches elastomeric polyamid polymers having a high percentage of cured elastomers (please see claim 1). These polymers are very specific and prepared by adding, upon extrusion of the blend, a high quantity of curable elastomers and a curing agent leading to a dynamic vulcanization. The product obtained presents a very small 10% modulus (please see column 10, line 68) and are used to make supple hoses (please see column 10, line 27).

The composition of the instant invention comprises at least one polyamide matrix and a dispersed phase composed of at least one impact modifier, said dispersed phase containing at least one electrically conductive filler.

Coran is mute on the addition of an electrically conductive filler. Coran does mention carbon black without any more information which means the regular non conductive carbon black used only as a filler or black pigment in the field of elastomers.

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Moreover, none of the possible applications set forth in column 10, lines 26-38 of the Coran patent, gives a single clue on the fact that the carbon black can be electrically conductive. Thus, Coran does not teach nor suggest the making of a polyamid article having a high capacity for being painted by an electrostatic paint deposition process.

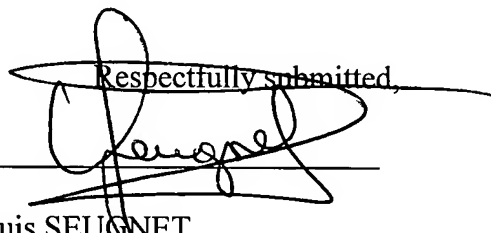
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by, or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coran et al. (US Patent 4173556).

In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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